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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Plans for Conversion to and Training in the Use of the Metric System

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 16 Dec 74 to EO/DDA fr USIB Metric Panel; subj: Preparation of a Plan for Conversion of Intelligence Reporting to Metric Units of Measure

1. The referenced memorandum outlines the requirement for each component of the Intelligence Community to prepare a plan for conversion to the use of metric units in intelligence reporting by 31 March 1975. Within CIA, the initial impact of this requirement will be on the Office of Training as it will be the unit responsible for training personnel in the use of metric units of measure.

2. Until recently, development of plans for the training needed by Agency employees following conversion to the metric system was an OTR DD-level MBO objective. When metric legislation failed to pass in the Congress, the objective was suspended. We must now reinstate the objective, and also prepare a plan to be submitted as a part of the Agency response to USIB. Since the Administration Directorate's plan is due by 17 March 1975, would you submit OTR's plan to the DDA Plans Staff no later than 10 March 1975.

[Redacted Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications
Director of Logistics
Director of Joint Computer Support

SUBJECT : Plans for Conversion to and Training in the
Use of the Metric System

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 16 Dec 74 to EO/DDA fr USIB Metric
Panel; subj: Preparation of a Plan for Con-
version of Intelligence Reporting to Metric
Units of Measure

1. The referenced memorandum outlines the requirement for each component of the Intelligence Community to prepare a plan for conversion to the use of metric units in intelligence reporting by 31 March 1975. Within CIA, the initial requirements will be for the development of plans for training personnel in the use of metric units of measure. While this does not directly affect your Office, you should begin planning for eventual conversion to the metric system of measure.

2. Until recently, development of plans for converting to use of the metric system was part of the DDA MBO process. When metric legislation failed to pass in the Congress, the metric objective was suspended. We must now reinstate the objective, at least for those offices who will be technically affected. You should also prepare a plan to be submitted as part of the Agency response to USIB. Since the Administration Directorate's plan is due by 17 March 1975, would you submit your plans to the DDA Plans Staff no later than 10 March 1975.


Assistant for Resources/DDA

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20 December 1974
Chief, Plans Staff for action

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McMahon

SUBJECT : Conversion of Intelligence Reporting to Metric Units of Measure

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1. In line with our discussion of 18 December 1974, I discussed this issue with the Office of Legislative Counsel [redacted] and [redacted] as well as [redacted]

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a. [redacted] advised that the bill is a dead issue in this session of Congress, and there is absolutely no sure way of accurately predicting what will happen in the new Congress--with so many new members, etc. The bill should start from scratch, with hearings, and committee review, but it is pure guesswork on how quickly Congress will move on the metric legislation.

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b. [redacted] stressed that there should be some preliminary thinking and planning before legislation is enacted, but he emphasized that he is looking for a simple plan--nothing complex--so that the Agency can move when the bill is passed. [redacted] expressed the view that this initial impact would be in the Office of Training on what can be done in a specified period of time, in getting our people acquainted with the metric system.

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c. [redacted] indicated that we were carrying the metric issue as a Directorate objective, but decided to drop it when legislation did not pass. There apparently would be no great problem in getting the necessary input from the Offices in this Directorate and preparing a response before 17 March 1975.

2. I recommend that the Plans Staff run with this one, following the "simple" guidelines set by [redacted]

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Okay - [signature]
LJD

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